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2006 Elly Doyle Park Service Award Nominations Open

The Fairfax County Park Authority is searching for those special individuals who make a difference in the parks in our community. Each year thousands of volunteers donate their time and talents to protect natural and cultural resources, to enhance educational and recreational services and to help the public enjoy their parks. Now it's time to acknowledge that hard work by nominating a deserving individual or group for the Elly Doyle Park Service Award.

The Elly Doyle Park Service Award was established by the Fairfax County Park Authority on December 20, 1988, in recognition of Ellamae Doyle's years of outstanding service towards the preservation of parkland, natural and recreational areas for the benefit of Fairfax County residents. The purpose of the award is to publicly recognize a volunteer or group of volunteers for outstanding contributions to Fairfax County parks.

Anyone may submit a nomination for the Elly Doyle Park Service Award. The award is open to those who have made outstanding service contributions to Fairfax County parks. The service contribution is the giving of time or expertise to the Fairfax County Park Authority for the advancement of recreational or educational opportunities or the protection of natural, cultural and historic resources in Fairfax County. The contribution on which the nomination is based must have occurred with the prior year although the nomination may also include accomplishments accumulated over time.

Nominations open on May 22, 2006 and close on July 7, 2006. An awards ceremony and reception is planned for November 17, 2006. The awardees will be selected by a standing committee of the Fairfax County Park Authority Board. No more than three awardees will be honored in one year and up to five special recognitions and one student honoree may also be selected.

Applications can be requested from the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662 or via e-mail at parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov/parks or you can download an application at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/2006doylenom.htm.

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